

Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace the prior version of the corresponding drawing sheet with the replacement sheet enclosed with this paper. FIG. 4 has been amended by removing reference numerals #77 and #78. Approval of the replacement sheet is respectfully requested.

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1-10, 12-24, and 26-34 are in the case. Claims 11 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 12-15, and 26-28 have been amended. Claims 33 and 34 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found at least in paragraph [0024] and in FIG. 4. No new matter has been added.

In the Specification

The examiner has objected to the disclosure stating "Para. 0027, 0028 and 0029 requires "FIG. 3" to be corrected to "FIG. 4"." Applicant submits hereinabove substitute paragraphs making the change the examiner requires.

In the Drawings

The examiner has objected to the drawings stating they include the following references characters not mentioned in the description: #28 in Fig. 1, # 35 in Fig. 2, #77 and #78 in Fig. 4.

Regarding # 28 and #35: Applicant has amended paragraph [0018] to include the description of #28 in FIG. 1 and #35 in FIG. 2. No new matter has been added.

Regarding # 77 and # 78: Applicant presents herewith an amended FIG. 4 with #77 and #78 removed.

Withdrawal of the examiner's objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 11-14 and 25-28 under 35 U.S.C. 112 stating they are vague and indefinite because of a reference to an industry standard. The applicant has cancelled claims 11 and 25, and has amended claims 12-14 and 26-28. In their present state they are believed to overcome the examiners rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is believed warranted, and is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, and 6 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Edmunds et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,407,918. Applicant respectfully traverses. The claims are not anticipated. It is well settled that “A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is not found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” See MPEP 2131. To help clarify aspects of the invention applicant has amended independent claim 1 adding:

[the] first and a second fan module ... each being designed to direct an airflow through a bottom of the first and second fan modules and out a respective rear portion of the first and second fan modules.

Edmunds et al. discloses fan housings wherein a supply of cooling air comes in from a bottom and out through a top. Each and every element set forth in the claim can not be found in Edwards. Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated. Allowance of claim 1 and of claims 2-3 and 6 which depend therefrom is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected independent claim 15, under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ota et al. U.S. 2001/0028551. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, but has amended claim 15 to include the same wording added to claim 1 as discussed above. Ota et al. discloses: suction openings 21a/21b, and exhaust openings 22a/22b “which are opposite to each other”, paragraph [0034], i.e opposite vertical surfaces (see FIG. 1). At least the element in claim 15 regarding “an airflow through a bottom of the first and second fan modules and out a respective rear portion of the first and second fan modules” is not found in Ota et al. Therefore, the claim is not anticipated. Allowance of claim 15 is respectfully requested.

At least by virtue of depending from allowable base claims 1 and 15, discussed above, respective dependent claims 2-10, 12-14 & 33; and 16-24, 26-32 & 34 should be found allowable. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant submits all the claims in the present application, specifically claims 1-10, 12-24, and 26-34, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the examiners objections and rejections, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2496. Also, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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